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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

July 19, 2018

FRONT STREET LIQUOR INC. D/B/A SCITUATE PACKAGE STORE

184 FRONT ST.

SCITUATE, MA 02066

LICENSE#: 88946-PK-1086 / 1086-00023

VIOLATION DATE: 4/14/2018

HEARD: 7/17/2018

After a hearing on July 17, 2018, the Commission finds Front Street Liquor Inc. d/b/a Scituate Package Store violated M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count).

Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of five (5) days which will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

By decision dated May 19, 2016, the Commission previously ordered a 3-day suspension to be held in abeyance provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occurred. Based on the violation found above, the Licensee violated the conditions of that 3-day suspension being held in abeyance. The Commission hereby orders that suspension to be served. The Licensee will serve a total of three (3) days.

The suspension shall commence on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 and terminate on Friday, September 7, 2018. The license will be delivered to the Local Licensing Board or its designee on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. It will be returned to the Licensee on September 8, 2018.

You are advised that pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.138 § 23, you may petition the Commission to accept an offer in compromise in lieu of suspension within twenty (20) calendar days following such notice of such suspension. If accepted, you may pay a fine using the enclosed form which must be signed by the Licensee and a Massachusetts Licensed Accountant.

You are advised that you have the right to appeal this decision under M.G.L. c. 30A to Superior Court within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this notice.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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DECISION

FRONT STREET LIQUOR INC. D/B/A SCITUATE PACKAGE STORE 184 FRONT ST.

SCITUATE, MA 02066 LICENSE#: 1086-88946

VIOLATION DATE: 4/14/2018

HEARD: 7/17/2018

Front Street Liquor Inc. d/b/a Scituate Package Store (the "Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 15. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (the "Commission") held a hearing on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, regarding an alleged violation of M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count). Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigator Temple's Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigator Temple's Investigative Report;
- 2. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts;
- 3. Photocopy of Fraudulent Massachusetts driver's licenses.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

The Commission took Administrative Notice of the Licensee's record.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Saturday, April 14, 2018, at approximately 7:45 p.m., Investigators Di Cicco and Temple along with Chief Investigator Mahony ("Investigators") and Scituate Police Sergeant O'Brien, conducted an investigation of the business operation of Front Street Liquor Inc. d/b/a Scituate Package Store to determine the manner in which its business was being conducted.
- 2. While outside of the licensed premises Investigators observed a youthful appearing male subject exit his motor vehicle and enter the store. Shortly thereafter, Investigators observed the male subject exit the premises in possession of alcoholic beverages.

- 3. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 4. Underage #1, actual date of birth 10/15/2000 (age 17) was in possession of a 12-pack of Corona beer. He presented to Investigators a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license which he had used to purchase the alcoholic beverages. The minor stated to Investigators that this store was known to the local high school teenagers as a place where one could purchase alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Later Investigators observed another youthful looking male subject enter the premises, purchase alcohol and exit the premises in possession of alcoholic beverages. Investigators identified themselves and asked to see proof of legal age.
- 6. Underage #2, actual date of birth 10/12/2000 (age 17) was in possession of a 12-pack of Corona beer. Minor #2 stated he used a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverages. Investigators observed that the fraudulent license was in the minor's true name with a false birthdate. Investigators contacted the parents of this minor and informed them of the incident.
- 7. At approximately 7:30 p.m., Investigators observed two youthful appearing female subjects exit a van and enter the store. Shortly thereafter, Investigators observed the female subjects exit the premises in possession of alcoholic beverages.
- 8. Underage #3, actual date of birth 3/16/2000 (age 18) was in possession of a bottle of Rubinoff vodka. Minor #3 stated she used a fraudulent Massachusetts driver's license to purchase the alcoholic beverage. Investigators observed that the fraudulent license was in the minor's true name with a false birthdate.
- 9. Underage #4, actual date of birth 4/14/2000 (age 18) was in possession of a bottle of Tito's vodka. Minor #4 stated she was not asked for identification when she purchased the alcoholic beverage, and she did not have her identification with her.
- 10. Investigators contacted the parents of these two female minors and informed them of the incident.
- 11. Investigators entered the premises with Sergeant O'Brien and identified minor #4 to the clerk on duty, Vanessa. Vanessa admitted that she did not ask the minor for identification but she has done so in the past.
- 12. Investigators informed Vanessa of the violation and that a report would be filed with the Chief Investigator for further action.

CONCLUSION

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated M.G.L. c. 138, § 34 Sale or delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one (21) years of age (1 count). Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of five (5) days which will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations occur.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

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Elizabeth A. Lashway, Commissioner

Kathleen McNally, Commissioner

Dated: July 19, 2018

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